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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable BENJAMIN E. NELSON, a Senator from the State of Nebraska.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, all through our history as a nation You have helped us battle the enemies of freedom and democracy. Many of the pages of our history are red with the blood of those who paid the supreme sacrifice in just wars against tyranny. They are our distinguished heroes and heroines.

Today, we feel both grief and gratitude for the seven men who lost their lives in Afghanistan in the battle against the insidious enemy of terrorism. We ask You to comfort and strengthen their families, loved ones, and friends as they experience the anguish of their loss. Death could not end their gallant lives. We do not want to forget them or lose sight of the halloved memory of their gallantry.

Renew our resolve to press on in the battle to rid the world of terrorism. Lord God of hosts, be with us yet, lest we forget what the men and women of our military are doing to assure us of the freedom of speech and the exercise of government we will enjoy today. Lord, continue to bless America and give us victory over the forces of evil confronting our world. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable BENJAMIN E. NELSON led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 6, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN E. NELSON, a Senator from the State of Nebraska, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. BENJAMIN E. NELSON thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, what is the pending business before the Senate?

NATIONAL LABORATORIES PARTNERSHIP IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2001

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of S. 517, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 517) to authorize funding for the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through technology transfer and partnerships for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Daschle/Bingaman further modified amendment No. 2917, in the nature of a substitute.

AMENDMENT NO. 2980 TO AMENDMENT NO. 2917, AS FURTHER MODIFIED

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader.

Mr. DASCHLE. I send an amendment to the desk and ask for its consideration.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from South Dakota [Mr. DASCHLE] proposes an amendment numbered 2980 to amendment No. 2917.

Mr. DASCHLE. I ask unanimous consent reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. I object.
The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The objection is heard.

The clerk will read the amendment.
The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

“(e) PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN PIPELINE ROUTE.—No license, permit, lease, right-of-way, authorization or other approval required under Federal law for the construction of any pipeline to transport natural gas from lands within the Prudhoe Bay oil and gas lease area may be granted for any pipeline that follows a route that traverses—

“(1) the submerged lands (as defined by the Submerged Lands Act) beneath, or the adjacent shoreline of, the Beaufort Sea; and

“(2) enters Canada at any point north of 68 degrees North latitude.”

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

“(d) STATE COORDINATION.—The Federal Coordinator shall enter into a Joint Surveillance and Monitoring Agreement, approved by the President and the Governor of Alaska, with the State of Alaska similar to that in effect during construction of the Trans-Alaska Oil Pipeline to monitor the construction of the Alaska natural gas transportation project. The federal government shall have primary surveillance and monitoring responsibility where the Alaska natural gas transportation project crosses federal lands and private lands, and the state government shall have primary surveillance and monitoring responsibility where the Alaska natural gas transportation project crosses state lands.”

• This “bullet” symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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